

## Selectmen's minutes of meeting March 1, 2021

Members present: Brian O'Rourke, George Riley, Mark Newman, Joanne Grybosh by remote, Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom and remote information provided for the public.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings.

No purchase orders to review and sign.

Joseph McCarthy, CEO of Green Patriot is requesting permission to hold a virtual outreach meeting. Date not available at this time. Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to allow the virtual outreach meeting.

Discussed with the Tax Collector Theresa Spohnholz the request from the Mass Audubon Society to acquire the Minery Property on Cold Spring Road. Per the tax collector they are in tax title which means there is a tax lien on the property. The Mass Audubon Society would like to purchase the property. They will do the clean up from the past dump usage. They will pay past expenses of \$100,000 and pay the Town \$20,000 in back taxes. The property will no longer be in the hands of our town. Brian asked Theresa for permission, she agrees we should move forward and get confirmation in writing absolving us from any clean up fees for this property. Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to transfer ownership of the Minery property to the Mass Audubon Society.

Reviewed and signed the special permit for Nicholas Smigel DBA Farmington River General Store. The twenty days have passed since his special permit hearing with no appeals. Permit and license signed.

Reviewed and signed the Mass Cultural Council Grant.

### Future Agenda Items:

Mark would like to continue moving forward with P O Boxes

George would like an article to change the Elected Town Clerk position to an appointed one.

Brian stated there is a request from Berkshire Mountain Cannabis to hold a virtual outreach meeting.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed minutes

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

Mark asked about the special permit that the Town Manager received regarding a deck. He stated it should go to the ZBA first.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Brian O'Rourke

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George Riley

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Mark Newman